



Offshore Development Working Group

Meeting Minutes

Date: 07/05/11

Start Time: 10:00am

End Time: 11:00am

Meeting Method: Go to Meeting

Attendance: Benny Ron (Vice-Chair), Justin Viezbicke, Eric Kingma, Ron Baird, Neil Sims, Robin Kaye, Peggy Carr, Glenn Sato, Jean Souza

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- Aquaculture Workshop update: Benny Ron (vice chair) gave a detailed description of the aquaculture workshop and how it was planned by UH and the Sanctuary in coordination with government agencies and community groups. The first day of the meeting was spent getting all involved some basic background information from all the different sides of the table which led into good discussions and some discoveries of common ground within the group. The second and third days were spent working off of this basic understanding that we all have different interests/backgrounds but we all care about feeding our families, taking care of the ocean environment and if/how we should do aquaculture in Hawaii in the future knowing all involved will have to communicate and work together to come to some consensus on how we can move forward. The meeting clearly was the only the beginning of the discussions but at least there is some foundation now to move forward off of. As always there are some that didn't like the process (appreciative inquiry) but overall the comments were that while there were concerns and some may have done it differently ultimately there were some goods to come out of the conference. Due to the high level of curiosity that the workshop has generated and some of the tension related to Bill 1511 the Sanctuary and UH are going to try and have the report out from the conference by July 15th, 2011 so as soon as this comes out we will get it up on the blog. Please contact Justin/Benny or Joe if you have any questions regarding the workshop.
- Aquaculture Discussion- the group agreed that this discussion should wait until the report out comes from the aquaculture workshop so depending on if it is out or not we can discuss at the next meeting on July 19th, 2011 at 10am
- Energy Discussion-



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1. Question from Robin Kaye wondering when the date is that we have to have recommendations for the Sanctuary Advisory Council. The answer after talking to Malia is that there really is no hard time line as she wants to allow enough time for all working groups to do a thorough job, at the same time we would also like to get this done ASAP. The next SAC meeting is most likely in the end of September so ideally if we could get this done by then that would be great but if we take until the next SAC meeting which would be early in the 2012 then that would be the next possible date.
2. Robin Kaye- brought up the point that since the Sanctuary has no real permitting authority we have to find a way to have impact in these processes so that the Sanctuary can have a say in what is going on inside Sanctuary boundaries.
 - a. It is our responsibility to find the best method for this and Robin's suggestion is to create good measurable criteria to evaluate each issue (aquaculture/energy) that the Sanctuary can use as guidelines for these activities and then to create possible action plans for how to best influence the permitting authority based on the guidelines.
 - b. To do nothing is basically abandonment and if this is done right it will give the Sanctuary the opportunity to take a stand if needed
3. Neil Sims- suggested that the Sanctuary come up with a roadmap similar to what we did with aquaculture so that everyone can see the process and how/where the Sanctuary and the public can weigh in on the projects.
4. Peggy- wanted to remind everyone that it is not just energy cables it is everything including fibre optics...anything that disturbs the bottom.

Next meeting: 07/19/2011 at 10am